MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 6th day od May one thousand nine hundred and fourteen BETWEEN SHOTARO TACHIBANA of Thursday Island in the State of Queensland, Boatbuilder (hereinafter called the Contractor) of the one part and William R Maclennon of Cape York aforesaid Storekeeper (hereinafter called the Purchaser) of the other part.

WHEREBY the CONTRACTOR agrees to build and the PURCHASER agrees to Purchase a vessel of cutter rig according to specifications hereto attached for the sum of two hundred and fifteen pounds (£215.) sterling upon the following terms and conditions -

(a) The Purchaser hereby agrees to pay to the Contractor a deposit of fifty pounds (£50) sterling upon the signing of this agreement and agrees to pay the balance of one hundred and sixty five pounds(£165) sterling to the Contractor immediately on completion of the aforesaid vessel.

(b) The Contractor hereby agrees to have the aforesaid vessel completed and ready for delivery to the Purchaser not later than the thirtieth day of September 1914.

(c) The Purchaser hereby agrees to take delivery of the aforesaid vessel immediately on completion Such delivery to be taken from the Contractor's slip.

Made and subscribed by the aforementioned parties at Thursday Island aforesaid the day and year above written.

S. Tachibana

In the presence of- W R Maclennon

Witness. A. Mohr

SPECIFICATIONS OF a vessel of Cutter rig referred to in the annexed Agreement between Shotaro Tachibana and Maclennon.

Length thirty feet overall Beam ten feet Depth three feet six.
Keel to be of hardwood 8 x 4
Stringers, Deck beams, covering boards to be of hardwood.
Frames to be single of natural crook hardwood.
Planking to be of I¼ inch Kauri
Decking to be of Kauri 4 x I½
Fasteningsof keel, planking, and decking to be of copper
Fittings. One cabin only about 9 x 5 x 2' to be fitted on deck, and one single windlass'
Mast and spars to be of oregon pine.
Bottom of vessel to be sheathed with I4 oz. Muntz metal.
Supply rigging, one suit sails, one new anchor and two lengths second hand chain.

Supervision

It is hereby mutually agreed, that the work shall be performed to the satisfaction of the aforesaid W R McLennan, or, and in his absence, then W J Graham shall represent him.

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W R McLennan

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Fastenings of Keel, planking, and decking to be of copper

Fittings. One cabin only to be fitted on deck, and one single windlass.

Mast and spars to be of oregon pine.

Bottom of vessel to be sheathed with 14 oz. Muntz metal.

Supply rigging, one suit sails, one new anchor and two lengths second hand chain.

Receipts & papers relating to
cutter Avis.

No. _____

6th May 1904

Received from Mr William

R. Mac Lennon the sum of

Fifty — pounds

shillings, and

to advance of Cotton

£ 50-0-0 A. Yacht Liana

Thursday Island

24th September 1914

Received from Mr W. Maclennon
the Sum of One Hundred and
Sixty Five pounds (£165-0-0)
as Balance of Value the Cutter
"Iris"

S. Sachehana

Thursday Morning

3 th September 1914

Received from Mr. W. Mackenzie
the Sum of Five Hundred and
Ninety Pounds (£590-0-0)
for Bellevue et Belle Vue Gallery
Paris

W. Mackenzie

Aug 8th 1916

Received from Mr W. McLennan

the sum of Fifty pounds Stg

being amount agreed upon for trip to Port Moresby from per "Coral Sea" to Thursday Island

£50

W. J. Lyell

per E. Hennessy

No. _____

August 7th 1916

Received from Mr W. McLennan

the sum of Thirty nine pounds nil/— Stg

Wages as Crew on Cutter "Avis" from 29/6/15 to 26/4/1916 = 43 2/7 weeks at £1. = £43-10. less Cash Advanced £3-10/—

Mark New

Bourketa
November 1st 1916

Dear Mac

We arrived here in the Coralsea on the 12th October. So that we were 18 days coming here. I handed your letter to Constable in Charge of Police Station & took Charge of your Boat. She had just returned from a Trip to the Papers. They started to go to Port Bradshaw but could not find the Place. Mr Whittle was in Charge. There was nothing on the Ariel when I took her over only a Pair of Sweeps Everything including the dinghy has disappeared. The Blacks at Port Bradshaw murdered the the two Coloured men & got away with the Bourketa Blacks Jims. Luff & Party went to Port Bradshaw in the Coralsea Steamer on the 16 of October. There are about 17 in the Party 5 Whites & 12 Blacks they should make things unsettled for any Bradshaw Niggers that they drop on. they may have the luck to get the dinghys if they do I will be able to get the one belonging to the Ariel. The Ariel has a good bit of Copper knocked off her. This was done by the Ship Coming around the first time

I asked Leynott to make me a offer for the Avis but he told me that he did not want a Boat now. There is nobody else to offer her to. Newton has no money. I offered to sell her to the Roper Mission. I heard they wanted a Boat. So far I have got no reply from them. I dont think there is any Chance of doing any Business with the Roper Mission. I am going into the Sandalwood Business myself. There is a good lot of it about here. The Avis would Suit me in Connecton with this Business But as you know I have got no money Just now. if you like I will take this Boat over at your lowest Price you Put the Price on & give me time to Pay it in. I would want 12 months or 18 would suit me better. if Things Pan out as I expect them to I would be able to Pay you inside of 12 months. Re Holts Cheques The Carnarvon mail arrives to day & start back tommorow. this will be my first opportunity of getting into Communication with Holt but as far as I can hear there will be no difficulty with them. as soon as I get the money I will Place to your A/c J. S.

I forgot to mention that Tuffy took the Anchor Chain off the Ariss. I told him that I understood you had bought the Anchor Chain from him. but he says no he only lent it to you. at Present there is a old Chain on the Boat that is not to Safe I think I can get a good Chain from the Macarthur Station there will soon be a flood in the river now & she will want something Strong on. Well Mac there is nothing else I can think about Just now. things are dead quite here I dont think Lynott has made Enough to Pay for his Tucker since you were here Scanlon is still running the Store but I am tipping him to go broke in 12 months. I hope to hear that you have quite recovered from that Sickness you had. the Temperature is about 140 in the water bag here the last few days. with Thunder Storms falling in different Places.

Nov 3rd 1916

Since Starting to write this letter the Convoyeal mail has arrived & in it was a letter from you Containing a ~~letter~~ List of things that were Supposed to be on the Cutter. the Copper Sheets & Rope were on the Cutter up until the time Tuffy arrived here. I took the Cutter

boys the day after we arrived here. As that as Luff was Camped alongside the Cutter he Could have taken these things off. I will see him when he Comes back & if I can prove that he took anything off the Davis. I will have no hesitation in Putting him up. Re Holts Cheynes. Scanlon as Holts agent has Taken these over & Promises to Pay them as soon as the Proceeds of Holts Copper is Paid into Scanlons Offe. They should be fixed up when the next Camooweal mail returns.

Trusting you are fit & well

Very Kind Regards

Yours Faithfully

C Hawes

T. J. FARQUHAR
PEARLER.

Cable Address: "FARQUHAR."

Thursday Island,
QUEENSLAND.

7 Feb 1917

PEARLING FLEET:

SCHOONERS:
"Tarawa."
"Wai Weer."

KETCHES:
"Norman."
"Donald."
"M'Liss."
"Effie."
"Shielah."
"Eleanor."
"Ida."
"Ruby."
"Pearl."
"Onyx."
"Mystery."
"Bona"
"Nixie."
"Tyne."
"Santoi."
"Somerset."

Dear Sol Lemmon /

I was pleased to get your letter and also to know that you are well enough to have a chance to get to the front, I would decide as you have done if in similar case— Re Pearling - America coming in will absolutely let the bottom out of this as it was the only market, As usual on the Island some of the owners quietly made arrangements with the Japs and squelched the scheme of working that I explained to you, they have first sent out about a dozen boats and now are whipping pussy - I fortunately for my pocket had decided to wait and see how things went - In the meantime I have twelve out of my fifteen at work on Trocas and Bche de M, am waiting for Crew to get the others in Commission — I am not surprised to hear about Ruff, he is the limit, with it all I don't think things are too good with him just now -, he has been here a long time doing nothing and if he is not lying the Darw business is in the Soup; Summers is everything wrong - but it has been the same with everybody who has had any

dealings with him - Bert Vidgen is temporarily with me doing a bit of clerical work - He has buckled up wonderfully, he is to relieve the fresh food Coys accountant for three months after he is finished with me and if he is fit and well there are plenty of openings for him - Mrs Vidgen is still at Raiva but Bert is trying to get her over to the Island - The old chap Jardine is still going strong, he is Expecting them back shortly - There was a bit of a scare about Wade Roberts on last West, he went shooting and did not get back same night, it was an awful night to be out in and as he wasn't in good nick the operator got scared and went over, however just before the Launch and Trackers were to make a start a message came through that he had turned up -
This being February I am on the water waggon, Riley's Belly Vengeance is nothing to Enthuse over -
Kind regards and best wishes -

Yours Sincerely

J J

Macarthur Station
April 6 1917

Dear Mac

I am taking the Cutter Avis at your Price £130 and have forwarded £100 one hundred Pounds to your Account @ N Bank Thursday Week. I think you better allow me £10 out of it for looking after her. I think I will be able to send you the Balance of money during the next 6 months was the Holt money that I Placed to your Credit alright. When I wrote to you last I could not see my way Clear to take the Cutter at £130 as I Thought I would be away from this Job. I find now that I will be here for some time yet & that gives me a Chance of dealing with the Cutter we are having a great Season we have had 30 inches of Rain during the last 4 months I have heard nothing of Luff since I last wrote you he was supposed to be back at Bonotoka in January. he is a Cheerfull kind of a Boy to depend on Gilbreth sent a Boat round with about 4 tons of Potatoes to keep us from Starving

Trusting you are fit & well

Kind Regards C Harvey.

TELEGRAM.

No. _____

S.T. No. 1. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

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Broken Hill 26

REMARKS.

~~To~~ 1/10 h and released 2.20

Pte W R McLennan

No 3 Platoon A Coy

Recruits Unit Bmds.

Taking cutter arose hundred thirty one hundred paid your account Thursday Island.

Stn

Havey Canfoweal

Telegrams from Paris

to [illegible] Avenue

[illegible]

To

W McLennon

FD

Melbourne

No. 930

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Thursday Island	12	pr ordy and T/	paid urgent 17 30	

secured boat starting shipping mill supervised Geddes

Farquhar

1 53 B

TIME RECEIVED.

W McLennon

PO Melbne

08766

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STATION FROM

TIME LODGED.

REMARKS.

Getting estimate including new sails will wire tomorrow

T Farquhar

9 5p he

TIME RECEIVED.

To

No. 0 1131

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W. McLennan
Postoffice
Melbne.

STATION FROM. | No. OF WORDS. | CHECK. | TIME LODGED: | REMARKS.

194 Thursday Island 2 1/15 11 am

Cost to put through repair new sail spars three hundred and ten boat one fifty extra good value these times reply

TIME RECEIVED.

Farquhar

TELEGRAM.

Charges to Pay—

Message

Porterage

E.T. No. 2.

DATE STAMP.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Postmaster-General's Department.

To

W McLennan

G PO

Sydney

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2 Thursday Island	19	P R	9 50a	and 3d paid

Builder working on boat now he promises expedition stop Lr Farquhar on Tangomaru

Farquhar

1 20PML

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To

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To

No.

J McLennan
12 Armadale St
[illegible] Melbe

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Bellbird	2 cws	D	1/7 10.40a	1.48p

Am very sorry Fergusson accepting offer and [illegible] letting [illegible] post draft and will write

Archie

TIME RECEIVED.

TELEGRAM.

to Pay —

Message

Portlerage

P.T. No. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Postmaster-General's Department,

To

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STATION FROM. No. OF WORDS. CHECK.

458 Thursday Island 29 pr and 30 paid 4-30p

Nothing available an offered ten ton boat one fift
wants about same amount expended

Farqurar

3 15a
XXXXX/sb

TIME RECEIVED.

Copy.

Oct 30th 1919

From W B McLernan
Thursday is.
Queensland

To Charles Harvey
Borroloola
Northern Territory

Sir. I have not heard anything further from you regarding the completion of purchase of my boat the Avis which I sold to you during the first half year of 1917.

I am now calling the deal off & am taking the necessary steps to seize the Avis.

I hold your letter of April 6th 1917 stating that you were taking the Avis at my price £130. That you forwarded £100 to my account D. N. bank Thursday island & that you would forward the balance owing within 6 months of the aforementioned date April 6th 1917.

I acknowledged receipt of the money

£100 forwarded to bank & gave you instructions as to when you should pay the balance owing; prior to my leaving for active service

Since I returned I wrote you asking why the balance had not been paid & asking if you were going to pay it. But have not received any reply from you

Yours etc

W R McLennan